

## Has everyone lost their natural minds?

In recent weeks we have been bombarded with a number of news reports that have caused conflict in our country. A congressman has said this, a senator has said that, the president tweeted this, some foreign leader tweeted that...it just seems every day there is more and more dissension in the ranks. No matter what your political affiliation or personal views, having a civil conversation is limited to talking about the weather. Sometimes even that can be a controversial subject if climate change creeps in. One might ask... "Has everyone lost their natural minds?"

Of course, these particular circumstances are not isolated incidents. From the beginning of time, man has been pitted one against the other. The first war recorded is in Genesis 14...a war between four eastern kings and five southern kings. ([Read more here](#))

*And it came to pass in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of nations; That these made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela, which is Zoar. All these were joined together in the vale of Siddim, which is the salt sea. Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled. Genesis 14:1-4 ([Read the full chapter here](#))*

Fast forward thousands of years, and we have the same divisions between those who are allegedly oppressed and the alleged oppressors. (Insert your own oppressor as you wish.)

OK...so now we know the problem. What good is a problem without a resolution? The solution is something I have said time and time again...wait for it... wait for it...PRAYER!

In Psalm 74, David feels all is lost and he is forgotten...*O God, why hast thou cast us off for ever? why doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture?* He continues by remembering... *For God is my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth* concluding with his prayer of request ... *Arise, O God, plead thine own cause...* ([Read the full chapter here](#))

How do we know that prayer is what we are to do? Because, it's what works and it is what we are directed to do.

*I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. 1 Timothy 2:1-6*

Members in all levels of government can be subjects of corruption and unrighteousness, that doesn't mean they all are. It also doesn't mean that they can't be redeemed. It is only through prayer that we are all redeemed, through prayers of our own and through prayers of intercession by others. (God knows my mother prayed for my redemption for years!)

It will only be through intercession, by God, that our torn country can be repaired. Divisions will only be mended if the thread of righteousness is used in the stitching together of the wounds. The only way for that to happen is for the turning around of the unrighteous.

*If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attend unto the prayer that is made in this place. 2 Chronicles 7:14-15*

Prayer of intercession is what is needed to redeem those who are lost so that they, once again, “seek the face of God”. Prayer is also needed to bring peace within each of us. As we pray for our leadership, and have faith that God will prevail, it reduces our fears and anxieties of the uncertainties we face as a nation and as individuals.

There is certainly no quick-fix for what is happening around us. However, you can take comfort in knowing this is not the first time turmoil has gripped us and that God has been with us from very beginning. Through prayer we may not get the answer we want, nor soon enough for us, but we will get the answer God wants us to have.

Father in heaven, our leadership is in turmoil. Stretch your ever-loving arms out to turn our country back to you. Touch the hearts of our leaders and show them the way to go. Let us not judge one another because of race, creed, color, religion, nationality or political affiliations. You sacrificed your son for us all, to bare the weight of sins for each and every one of us. Lord, heal us; heal our nation and our neighbors. All of this I ask in the name of your most holy and precious son, Jesus Christ.

May you find the peace you desire in all you do.



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